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Sent: 7/10/2018 7:48:17 PM
To: Hubbard, Carolyn [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=2a93ce3245494318b109e87f7d826284-Hubbard, Carolyn]
CC: Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4c34a1e0345e4d26b361b5031430639d-Yamada, Yuj]; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=3c5a111dc377411595e5b24b5d96146b-Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer]; Grantham, Nancy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=12a3c2ed7158417fb0bb1b1b72a8cfb0-Grantham, Nancy]
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: Interview request from PBS NewsHour

Of course! I'll wait until I hear back.

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On Jul 10, 2018, at 3:47 PM, Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Molly, would you mind waiting until Jennifer takes a quick look? Thanks.

Carolyn Hubbard
Communications Director
EPA Office of Research and Development
202-564-2189

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From: Block, Molly
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
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Thanks all! I will get in touch with the reporter.

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On Jul 10, 2018, at 3:45 PM, Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

You could go with this-

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From: Yamada, Richard (Yujiro)
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
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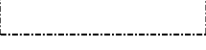
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On Jul 10, 2018, at 2:52 PM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm happy to do whatever you guys think the best approach is.

From: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:51 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>
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Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, PhD
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science
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From: Block, Molly
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:46 PM
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:44 PM
To: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Cc: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
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Looping Molly

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On Jul 10, 2018, at 2:42 PM, Hubbard, Carolyn
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From: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:42 PM
To: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>;
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Where things stand

Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, PhD
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science
Office of Research and Development
US Environmental Protection Agency
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RTP: [REDACTED]

From: Yamada, Richard (Yujiro)
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:39 PM

To: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>;
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From: "Block, Molly"
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<beach.christopher@epa.gov>, "Yamada, Richard (Yujiro)"
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After some follow up with the reporter. She's filing her story for the science section tomorrow COB.

Hi Molly,

Thank you for the call. Here are my questions. I understand if Dr. Thayer cannot answer them all.

- In 2011, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) evaluated a 2010 IRIS report on formaldehyde, citing several problems. How have those problems been addressed in the new formaldehyde report?
- There is evidence the new report has been ready since before January 2018, yet no

draft has been released. What is the delay?

- Are the findings in the new report different from the 2010 report?
- Is there a scientific consensus on a causal link between formaldehyde exposure and leukemia? What about other cancers?
- Is the average person exposed to harmful levels of formaldehyde? What about those who work with formaldehyde for chemical synthesis, embalming, etc...?
- Has IRIS or the EPA reached out to the NAS for a review of the new report?
- NAS recently reported improvements in the IRIS program. Which NAS recommendations have been most successful, and which recommendations are still being worked on?
- The American Chemistry Council is critical of the 2010 formaldehyde report. What does IRIS think about these criticisms?

Best,
Amanda

Amanda Grennell, PhD

AAAS Mass Media Fellow, PBS NewsHour

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From: Block, Molly
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 1:32 PM
To: Hewitt, James

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Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>;
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From: Thayer, Kris
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 11:58 AM
To: Hubbard, Carolyn
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Cc: Champlin, Anna
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Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Interview request from
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Carolyn,

How do we want to handle this?

From: Amanda Grennell
[mailto:agrennell@newshour.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Thayer, Kris <thayer.kris@epa.gov>
Subject: Interview request from PBS
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Dear Dr. Thayer,

I am a science journalist at PBS
NewsHour pursuing a story about the
upcoming EPA IRIS report on
formaldehyde.

I spoke with Dr. Jonathan Samet, chair
of the NAS committee that evaluated

the 2011 IRIS report on formaldehyde
as well as NAS reports on
improvements within IRIS. He
recommended that I speak with you.

Do you have time for a ~15 minute
interview today or tomorrow?

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,
Amanda

Amanda Grennell, PhD

AAAS Mass Media Fellow, PBS

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